

May 24, 2009

Ascension of the Lord



Father Mark's Remarks....

Msgr. Patrick McDowell died this week at age 81. He was a rotund and affable priest who always had time for the troubled and who routinely dipped into his own pocket to help the poor. He was a great storyteller and whenever he would start telling about one of his adventures as a priest the room would become quiet as everyone wanted to hear him tell his tales — and would love to hear the stories again and again as he told them so well. Father Pat helped to begin the Holy Innocents Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Duluth — a tremendous blessing for that city where people have been praying non-stop for years. He was one of those characters who we will miss. He died last Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., at the very same time I was giving the Benediction at the end of our Holy Hour in Hackensack — perfect timing. His funeral is at the Cathedral in Duluth on Tuesday, 11:00 a.m..

Brat Sale for the Poor Fund — Tom & Judy Beriou (phone 547-1188) will be running the Bratwurst Stand at Super One next Friday (10:30 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.) and Saturday (10:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.). This is a benefit for our Poor Fund. They need four helpers each day. Please call them to offer your help.

Funeral for Mary Smith — Mary was perhaps our oldest parishioner. She spent the winter months in Arizona where she died last Monday. Her body has been transported home to us to celebrate her funeral. Visitation time is Saturday evening at Dennis Funeral Home concluding with wake prayers at 7:30 p.m. The funeral liturgy is Sunday afternoon (May 24) at 3:00 p.m. with visitation at church in the hour before the funeral. People may be surprised to know that a funeral is possible on a Sunday afternoon. During the Easter Season the Sunday funeral can not be a Mass, but it can be a funeral liturgy outside of Mass.

Memorial Day — Father Mark will offer the prayers and Memorial Day Address at the Hillcrest Cemetery service, Monday morning at 11:00 a.m. It is a good day for everyone to visit a cemetery and offer a prayer for those who served us well on earth and are now eternally at home with God in heaven.

Dorothy Culver Burial — Dorothy was our organist at Sacred Heart years ago. She passed away on January 30th of Alzheimer's. Her funeral was February 9th. Next Saturday, May 30th, at 1:30 p.m. her grave will be blessed and cremated remains buried in the Backus cemetery — all are welcome to attend.

Red Envelope Campaign — The Sacred Heart CCW is providing a bright red envelope and instruction letter that you can pick up after Mass. People have been sending these envelopes to the White House. Your investment is only the time to write on the outside of the envelope and a stamp to send it. It is another way to keep the message that abortion is a serious problem in our land before the President's eyes.

Together Encountering Christ (TEC) — Andrew Smith will be attending the TEC retreat next weekend in Belle Prairie (near Little Falls). Please keep him in your prayers. Father Mark is the Spiritual Director for the June 27—29 retreat. Please visit with him if you are interested in this great opportunity for spiritual growth this summer. The retreat is open to older teens and adults of all ages.

Indoor Clean-Up — We are organizing a time for people to do some spring cleaning at St. Agnes. Bring a bucket and wash rags to help clean the pews, tables, chairs, desks, railings, radiators, etc. on Wednesday, May 27th. The clean up will begin at 4:00 p.m., but you may come later if that works better for you.

This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/23
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Roman & Lillian Meuwissen</i>	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Ralph Juenemann</i>	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Angels of St. Agnes Bake Sale	
Sunday ASCENSION OF THE LORD		5/24
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Jane Reigert</i>	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass for Grads — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Angels of St. Agnes Bake Sale	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	
Monday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/25
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Tuesday SAINT PHILIP NERI		5/26
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Roman & Lillian Meuwissen</i>	
Walker	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3 p.m. Wed.	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Hackensack	5:00 p.m. Pot-Luck Supper & Catholic Faith Discussion	
Wednesday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/27
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Newell Ellis Family</i>	
Walker	4:00 p.m. Indoor Cleanup	
Walker	5:30 p.m. St. Agnes Parish Council	
Thursday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/28
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Ole Rich</i>	
Friday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/29
Hackensack	8:00 a.m. Mass	
Saturday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/30
Walker	11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Philip Casey</i>	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Ralph Juenemann</i>	
Sunday PENTECOST SUNDAY		5/31
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Ed Mergens</i>	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	

There will be an interment ceremony for Dorothy Culver at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30th, at Backus Cemetery. Dorothy served as organist at Sacred Heart Church in Hackensack for many years, and her family invites and welcomes all to attend.

The Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet Monday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes in the Social Hall. Please bring your Bible and join us. For questions call Rosemary at 547-1509.

Upcoming Events



Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

- June**
- 01 S.H. Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m.
 - 01 Pro-Life-Up-North at 6 p.m. at the Lighthouse Church Office in Hackensack
 - 01 Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 08 Angels of St. Agnes at 9:30 a.m. at S.A.
 - 08 St. Agnes Parish Council at 5:30 p.m.
 - 10 Flea Market at 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Keep in your prayers....

- ✚ Donna Longo, Sacred Heart custodian, who is having health issues with an unexplained illness.
- ✚ Mickey Jones suffered a serious stroke and was admitted to St. Joseph's in Park Rapids.
- ✚ Betty Ritter is at Diamond Willow assisted living in Park Rapids. She is the wife of George Ritter and sister of Patsy Jones.
- ✚ Mary Tiedeman had her fourth chemotherapy treatment and says your prayers are making a great difference in her life.
- ✚ Ed Mergens cancer has now advanced beyond the help of medical treatments.
- ✚ Jean Bellamy is in nursing care in Twin Cities and is now probably our oldest parishioner.
- ✚ Nina Burke is undergoing cancer treatments.

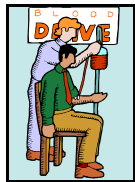
2009 UCA Update	
St. Agnes.....	Goal—\$26,470
.....	YTD—\$6,437..24%
Sacred Heart..	Goal—\$21,361
.....	YTD—\$5,499..26%

 **Last Week's Collections** 

May 16th & 17th

Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$1,166
Envelope:	\$1,506
St. Agnes Building	
Balance Remaining:	\$341,346.34

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Election — During the month of May, nominations are being accepted for those who will be on the ballot at the end of June. The term of office is three years. The council meets about six times a year and the meetings are usually on Tuesday evenings. You may nominate yourself or you may suggest another parishioner by calling the parish office.



UNITED BLOOD SERVICES

We will once again have an opportunity to demonstrate our concern for others on Tuesday, June 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Walker Legion Post 134 when our community holds its next blood drive.

Donating blood is safe, simple, is relatively painless and takes about an hour. To make an appointment, call Lillian at 547-2841 or Isabelle at 547-2504..

ANNUAL KC GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 21st

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Annual St. Agnes/Sacred Heart KC Golf Tournament. The "Honest John" 9-hole scramble for fun and prizes, plus a steak dinner with all the trimmings, will be held at Tianna Golf Club on Sunday afternoon, June 21st, with a 3:30 p.m. shotgun start. Watch for more information and sign-up forms in next week's parish bulletin.



Free Natural Family Planning introductory sessions are available: Brainerd: 6 p.m. at St Joseph's Medical Center on Thurs., June 11th. Crosby: 6 p.m. at Cashen Enrichment Center on Tues, June 23rd Pequot Lakes: St. Alice Church by appointment only. Pre-registration is required. Individual times for sessions may also be scheduled. Contact: (218) 829-2861 Ext 6217 or visit www.brainerdnfp.org

The Community Church of Walker, UCC, on the corner of Hwy 371 & Tianna Drive, is busy preparing for their annual Pork Dinner that will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 5-7 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. The menu will include Smoked Pork Chops, baked potatoes, baked beans, dinner rolls, dessert bars, and beverages. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for kids under 11. Tickets are available in the church office and from Men's Club Members. Advanced ticket sales are preferred; however, tickets will be available at the door. See you there!



WALKER PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We are well on our way with the Baby Bottle Campaign and continue to call on your support. Please take a bottle if you have not yet done so. The deadline is Father's Day, June 21st.

It's an exciting thought as we look forward feeling privileged to mentor young women and men experiencing unplanned pregnancies to bring Christ's love and hope to their futures.

LAPS provides many ways to equip these people so that they can be the best mothers they can be.

Also, we are looking for someone either man or woman who might feel called to serve on the LAPS board as a liaison for the Walker center. We need strong Catholic support! Please pray and respond if you feel God is calling you. For questions contact Beth Bohannon at 547-0481.

ABC SALE—Immanuel Lutheran School is Having it's Annual Attic ~ Basement ~ Closet Sale June 11, 12, & 13 Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. –noon (1/2 mile East of the Y Junction on Hwy 200)

All proceeds go to Immanuel Lutheran School for Preschool through 8th grade. DONATIONS WANTED: furniture, useable appliances, knickknacks, clean clothing and treasures would be greatly appreciated.

Call 547-1589 or 547-3156 for information and/or pickup of donated items. Donations are tax deductible; please ask for a receipt.

SINGERS WANTED—All area singers are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, June 15, 2009. Please meet at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of Hope Lutheran Church, Walker to begin rehearsals for "A TASTE OF BROADWAY" dinner theatre performance at the new Chase on the Lake Event Ballroom in Walker the evening of Tuesday, August 11, 2009. The production is a fundraiser sponsored by the Walker Area Foundation. It will feature show tunes from a variety of Broadway musicals. All voice parts are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact director Joanna Aamodt at 224-3562 or producer John Warren at 547-2865.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Server schedule through June was sent in the mail this week.

If you want to be added to the schedule please contact Jenny by email at stagnesdre@arvig.net.



**Vacation Bible School at St. Agnes
Discovery Canyon**

Monday, June 15th — Thursday, June 18th
3-5:15 p.m. with dinner provided

All children from preschool through 6th grade are invited to attend. Parents must register their children with Jenny at 547-1054 or 547-9112 by Friday, June 5th. The cost is free. Teachers and Jr./Sr. High Youth Helpers are needed. Postcard reminders were sent out last week. More information is posted on the Youth Board.

D-Week in Duluth

Tuesday, June 16th through Friday, June 19th

Youth that have completed grades 9-12th are eligible. Cost: \$175 Letters and flyers were sent to youth last week. More information is posted on the Youth Board.

You are invited!



**Totus Tuus
Latin for "Totally Yours"**
Summer mission program for youth
put on by the Diocese of Duluth
St. Agnes Catholic Church
Walker, MN

Monday, June 29th-Friday, July 3rd
1st-6th grade sessions are from
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 28th-Thursday, July 2nd
7th-12th grade sessions are from
7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

**For more information:
Contact Father Mark Coen at 218-547-1054**

Camp Survive 2009 "Heroes Walk Among Us"
Sunday, August 9th—Thursday, August 13th

For youth who have completed grades 6th-8th. Information was sent in the mail and posted on the St. Agnes Youth Board.

**Please contact Jenny ASAP if interested in going!
There is a limited number of spots left!**

Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) is Minnesota's only Catholic Resident camp. It is located on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, MN. CYC is celebrating its' 62nd year offering traditional camp programming for kids completing grades 1-12. Archery, arts and crafts, swimming, boating, fishing, dance, drama, and sports are just some of the great activities CYC offers. CYC is still accepting registrations for this summer 2009! For more information, check out www.cycamp.org or call (651) 636-1645.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR NINA BURKE
Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church ~ Walker

This fund-raiser is being organized to help with Nina's loss of income and other expenses. Refreshments will be provided. A Free Will Offering will be taken. If you can donate some bars or cookies call Linda Arts at 547-4216.

**"WHAN" Walker/Hackensack/Akeley/Nevis
Special Olympics Rummage Sale**
Friday, June 12th from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, June 13th 8 a.m.-noon
in the St. Agnes Church Social Hall

Please drop off donated items at St. Agnes on Thursday, June 11th between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. For questions call JulieAnn Kerrigan at 547-1959 or Ginny Petersen at 675-5133.

Don't miss the Rummage Sale July 24-25th at the Hackensack Community Center. Let's Go Fishing is a non-profit organization that takes seniors in our communities for boat rides and fishing excursions free of charge. The guides consist of volunteers who want to help give back to seniors. If you're interested in more information about Let's Go Fishing, would like to make a cash donation, or be willing to donate some of your time please contact them at 218-675-FISH (3474), Box 111 Hackensack, or www.lgfws.com.